

1      **ABSTRACT**

2      A system or method selects among multiple tuners to tune a particular  
3      channel. A request is received to tune a first channel. In response to this request,  
4      a first tuner is assigned to tune the first channel. A request is received to tune a  
5      second channel. If the program tuned by the first tuner is not being recorded, the  
6      first tuner is assigned to tune the second channel. If the program tuned by the first  
7      tuner is being recorded, the second tuner is assigned to tune the second channel.

8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25